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Serial No: 09/898,984 ] Ex.: CHEN, Wenpeng  
Filed: July 3, 2001 ]

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

The Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2004, setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for a reply ending on October 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. This amendment is considered to place the application in better condition for allowance.

No fee is believed to be required with this amendment, but, if this is not the case, please charge the requisite fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which  
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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.